

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-35 are pending and claims 32-35 are amended to render the outstanding rejection moot. Claims 8 and 26 have been amended to correct a typographical informality. Claims 1-31 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below with any questions or to advance prosecution of the application.

IDS

Applicant has not received the initialed Form SB 08 of the IDS filed on December 27, 2002 and therefore respectfully requests that the initialed Form SB 08 be returned with the next communication from the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the

Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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